

When the rule passed 27-1, at the time the President said, "I made my arguments and went down in flames. History will prove me right."

Since then, nearly a third of the World Series Champions have been wild-card teams, including the 2004 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox. The rule helped save baseball, as history has shown.

And just like his baseball predictions, President Bush sings a very similar tune about Iraq. He says, as recently as yesterday, "History will prove whether I'm right, and I think I'll be right."

Really? Five years today since his speech on "Mission Accomplished." And let's take stock. More than 4,000 lives have been lost, tens of thousands of American men and women have been injured, we've spent over 475 billion taxpayer dollars in Iraq, with the price tag continually going up.

History will judge whether, once again, George Bush's record and America's reputation will go down in flames. At this rate, he's 0 for 2.

#### CONGRATULATING ISRAEL ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of this Nation's strongest allies and friends, Israel.

For 60 years now, Israel has been the pride of her people, and a beacon for those who believe in the transformational power of democracy. Our relationship with Israel is built on the bedrock principle that free people and freedom itself must be defended whenever and wherever it is threatened.

Israel itself faces constant threats to its freedom as her people suffer from the most consistent barrage of terrorist attacks the world over. But that does not stop, does not deter, does not prevent Israel from thriving and standing strong.

As a representative of one of the country's largest Jewish communities, I'm proud to rise today in support of Israel, and to congratulate the great State of Israel on its 60th anniversary. May she live strong and free for years to come.

#### WE NEED TO GET OUT OF IRAQ AND TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE AT HOME

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, my colleagues, yes, we're looking at an anniversary of Iraq here. But let's talk about things that the American people can relate to immediately. Cost of eggs going up 35 percent in the last year, cost of milk going up about 23 percent, bread going up about 16 percent.

Now we know that Americans going to the gas pump are paying near \$4 a gallon in many areas.

What does this all have to do with Iraq?

Well, we're in Iraq for oil. The oil companies are running our domestic energy policy. It's having an impact on the price of food. It's causing a great transfer of wealth upwards away from the working people and the middle class of this country into the hands of a few wealthy oil company owners.

We need to get out of Iraq. We need to end the occupation, close the bases, bring the troops home. We need to set in motion an international security and peacekeeping force that can stabilize Iraq as our troops leave.

We need to start taking care of things here at home. Americans are losing their homes, they're losing their jobs, they're losing their health care, they're losing their retirement security. It's time we started to take care of things here at home and get out of Iraq.

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#### SAN FRANCISCO ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET FOR ILLEGALS

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, San Francisco city officials are encouraging illegals to find their home in this California town. The city recently began an expensive public relations campaign reminding illegals that it is still a sanctuary city and that local law enforcement will not cooperate with Federal officials to enforce immigration laws.

This bold announcement comes at a good time. Many other American cities actually believe in enforcing the law and cooperating with the Feds to arrest international trespassers. This causes illegals that live in the shadows of those cities to be perplexed as to what to do. They certainly don't want to go home because they cannot receive free social services like health care, welfare, and education.

So to be completely compassionate and caring, San Francisco should expand its PR campaign to include those hardline, narrow-minded, nonsanctuary cities and encourage their illegals to go to San Francisco. The PR campaign should be "The City by the Bay welcomes all, including those that violate the law."

Meanwhile, Congress should prohibit all Federal money from going to sanctuary cities like San Francisco that laugh at the rule of law and pander to illegals.

And that's just the way it is.

#### HONORING CHRIS LOCKE

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, today it's my pleasure to extend my congratulations to Chris Locke, a walnut farmer from Lockeford, California, who recently earned an award from the Environmental Protection Agency for sustainable farming practices. He tends 580 acres of walnuts on a plot of land in a town that his great-great grandfather founded and which bears his family's name, Lockeford.

Chris utilizes pest control practices that reduce the need for chemical sprays. His methods include pheromone-based treatments as well as maintaining plants that attract beneficial insects and birds that control rodents.

Chris' motivation is an admirable example of sustainable farming and stands as a shining illustration of the increasing commitment of San Joaquin County farmers and growers to environmentally friendly agricultural techniques. As a pioneer in the field, Chris has generously offered to share his techniques with fellow farmers.

It is my honor to recognize Chris and to congratulate him for his well-deserved award.

#### HONORING THE JEANNETTE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, March 15, the Jeannette High School basketball team from my district won the State's Class AA championship. The Jeannette Jayhawks became the second high school in all of Pennsylvania history to reach the achievement of winning both the state basketball and state football championships. Led by players Terrelle Pryor, Shaw Sunder, and Jordan Hall, and Coach Jim Nesser, the Jayhawks won a game that will go down as one of the best in PIAA history and cap a remarkable season in which the team went 25-4.

This is a great accomplishment for a small school district in southwestern Pennsylvania which has excelled in the classroom. McKee Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon school, and all the district's schools received the Keystone Achievement Recognition this year, with the school district getting the bronze medal.

Congratulations to the entire Jeannette school district and to the entire Jeannette community.

#### HONORING MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JORDAN CHRISTIAN HAERTER

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise with profound sadness to recognize a fallen marine from my district, Lance Corporal Jordan Christian Haerter who was only 19 years old when he was killed in Iraq last week.